Review of Education Policy

†1835. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed those recommendations of the Kothari Commission (64-66), National Education Policy 1986 and its action plan, Ramamurti Committee, action Plan of 1992 and Yashpal Committee, which were accepted by Government;

(b) if so, the status of implementation of the sanctioned schemes after acceptance of those recommendations; and

(c) whether Government propose to get detailed review undertaken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The Education Commission (1964-66) chaired by Prof. D.S. Kothari was constituted to suggest ways and means to reform the system of education in the country. The report of the Commission became the basis for the first National Policy Resolution adopted by Parliament in 1968. The Ramamurti Committee (1990) was constituted to review the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986. The recommendations were suitably incorporated in the National Policy on Education and Programme of Action, 1992. No review has been made of the report of the above-mentioned Committees, including the Yashpal Committee, as also the National Policy on Education, as modified in 1992.

Seven Committees of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) have since been constituted on the subjects of (i) Free and Compulsory Education Bill and other issues related to Elementary Education; (ii) Girls Education and the Common School System; (iii) Universalisation of Secondary Education; (iv) Autonomy of Higher Education Institutions; (v) Integration of Culture Education in the School Curriculum; (vi) Regulatory Mechanism for the Text Books and parallel text books taught in schools outside the Government system; and (vii) Financing of Higher and Technical Education.

A decision regarding the review of the extent National Policy on Education will be taken based on the reports/recommendations of the CABE Committees.

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